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NIXON BRICK HOUSE  
Main Street  
Oldtown, Maryland  
Early 19th Century

The Nixon Brick House is an example of late Federal architecture in Allegany County. The building is of large rectangular shape and is two and a half stories tall and five bays wide. The walls are made of brick laid in Flemish bond, which is uncommon in Allegany County. Boxed cornices and returns are present with the gabled roof. The foundation is also unique in that it is low brick and not low stone. Original windows are found on the east side of the structure, and they are double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights and plain trim; most of the other windows are replaced ones.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Old Nixon Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

Lantz House

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

\_\_\_YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_MUSEUM

\_\_\_PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Melvin Russel Lewis

Telephone #: 395-5120

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 203

Folio #: 650

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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## CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Nixon Brick House is located on Main Street in Oldtown, Allegany County on the north side of the street, west of Greensprings Road.

The Nixon House is a large rectangular structure that is two and a half stories high and five bays wide. The building is constructed of brick laid in Flemish Bond. The roof is gabled with a boxed cornice and returns; and is covered with tar covered wooden shingles. The entire structure rests on a low brick foundation. Windows in the building (the majority of which have been replaced) have double hung wooden sash frames and a combination of six over six and one over one lights. The majority of windows are topped by flat structural arches. The main entrance, which is located on the southern face of the building, is a verticle paneled door with a transom and replaced hardware. It is covered by a hipped roof three bay end porch which is supported by Roman Doric columns which rest on cement block supports. A second entrance is located on the northern face of the building and is part of a frame shed roof addition which abuts the main facade. The building has a single brick chimney located at the flush end of one gable.

Structurally, the building is sound; however, it has been altered somewhat from its original appearance.

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## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1811

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Lantz

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although somewhat altered from its original appearance, the Nixon Brick House is an example of late Federal architecture in Allegany County. The earliest recorded land transaction for the house is dated 1849 when it was sold by trustee for Daniel Lantz. The Allegany County Land Records indicate that Lantz had to have purchased the prior to 1824,<sup>1</sup> and according to Scharf's History of Western Maryland, "The Lantz family settled here at an early date, and built in 1811 a large brick house."<sup>2</sup> Architecturally, the house has all the earmarks of a Federal building including original Flemish Bonding, six over six lights, and a gabled roof with wooden shingles.

At present the house has been converted to apartments and as a result its facade has been altered somewhat.

- 1 Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland
- 2 Scharf, History of Western Maryland, (Baltimore Regional Publishing Co. 1968) p. 1459

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, and Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Old Nixen Brick House

Main St - Oldtown

USGS - Oldtown Quad

1:24,000

1950

5263 11 SW  
(PATTERSON CREEK)

CUMBERLAND 14 MI  
SPRING GAP 5 MI

32'30"

4370

4378

EY 10 MI  
2816 4 MI

Trading

Spring

Run

Run

CHESAPEAKE

AND

POTOMAC

WEST VIRGINIA

MARYLAND

AND

POTOMAC

RIVER

3 TRACKS

Green Spring

ARNOLD

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South Branch  
(French Sta)



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main St.

Oldtown

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South East





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north west